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Dr. Jane E. Henney:
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Dear Dr. Henney:

As a senior citizen whose natural resistance to disease is decreasing each year and the need for effective antibiotics to control illnesses increasing, I find it frightening to read reports of the growing ineffectiveness of many antibiotics due to the development of new strains of bacteria developing immunity to the antibiotics which originally were effective in its control.

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I realize that part of the problem is my age group's demands to doctors that they be given antibiotics for every minor cold or flu bug that comes along. However, by far the greatest cause of this loss of effectiveness comes from the use of antibiotics originally designed for humans now being used in massive quantities in order to allow huge cattle operations to keep cattle healthy and growing under very crowded conditions where normally disease would be a great problem.

Therefore, I suggest that human health in the future is seriously compromised if we continue to allow this feeding of antibiotics to animals. This practice values profit for the cattle industry over the lives of our entire population, whether they are eating the meat or not. This loss of many formerly useful miracle antibiotics and the difficulty of discovering new ones to take their place could ultimately cause a pandemic. The point could be reached where we would have NO EFFECTIVE LIFE SAVING ANTIBIOTICS for human use. Some new dangerous strain of bacteria could cause the catastrophic decimation of a large percentage of our world's population as in plagues during the middle ages.

Please help stop the use of antibiotics in these megameat operations. Our public health is seriously compromised.

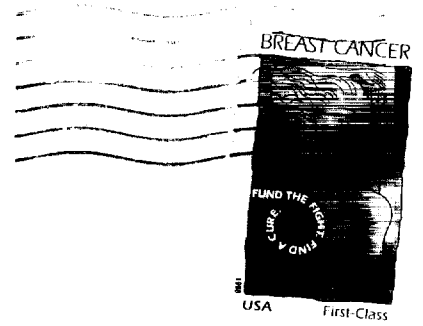
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